

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-122

For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1857

Approved by: *for* State Executive Director

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1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or
Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective December 19, 2003, Missouri Counties were designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by drought that occurred from January 1, 2003 and continuing.

Disposal	Distribution
January 1, 2005	All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following county in Arkansas is named as contiguous disaster county:

Benton

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through August 19, 2004, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded S1857.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is January 1, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

Exhibit 1

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Arkansas County Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., December 19, 2003 -- Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman approved several Bootheel counties in Missouri, to be eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans due to losses caused by drought, that occurred from January 1, 2003, and continuing.

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following Arkansas county is named as contiguous disaster county:

Benton

Farmers in the disaster area's have until August 19, 2004, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.